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## **PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.**

Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford is one of the oldest and largest law firms in West Central Georgia, and is a regional leader in the banking, corporate, and litigation practice areas. The firm concentrates in the areas of banking, corporations, federal and state taxation, real estate, labor and employment, insurance defense and general litigation in all state and federal courts and administrative agencies. Considerable estate planning is also done along with some personal injury and domestic relations representation for individuals. Clients are primarily businesses (corporations, partnerships, and individuals), professional organizations, major insurance companies, the city's largest bank, and the local housing and development authorities.

### **A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

The firm was originally formed almost a century ago under the name of Slade & Swift. Its substantial client base continues to include companies (and their successors) that were clients of the firm during its early years. For many years the firm was named Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman. The present firm was incorporated as a Georgia professional corporation on January 1, 1971 under the name Swift, Page, Davidson, & Chapman, P.C. In 1996 the firm then named Page & Scrantom, P.C., merged with Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, P.C., and changed its name to its current form. The firm has historically attracted young achieving graduates from a variety of law schools including Emory, Mercer, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, New York University, Duke, Stetson, Harvard, Notre Dame, George Washington, Georgetown, Samford, and Florida State. Throughout its history members of Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford have consistently distinguished themselves as civic leaders in Columbus and as professional leaders in local, state, and national bar associations.

### **QUALITY LEGAL SERVICE**

Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford is dedicated to providing its clients the highest quality legal services, emphasizing personal attention and flexibility. Our goal is to meet our clients' needs by maintaining a broad spectrum of experienced attorneys whose combined resources can meet the legal challenges of changing society and evolving technology.

## **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford maintains a broad-based general legal practice that is regional in scope. Because of the broad scope of its practice the firm has attracted a diverse client base, ranging from large publicly-held companies to smaller, private companies and individuals.

**BANKING** Advice to regional banks concerning commercial lending, asset-based and other structured finance, project finance; bond offerings; credit restructuring; lender liability; bank regulatory matters; form drafting and general representation regarding all aspects of banking operations.

**CORPORATE** Formation of corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships; mergers and acquisitions; divestitures; joint ventures; representation of corporate finance participants, corporate advice to public and private companies regarding corporate governance and fiduciary issues; tax rulings, audits and litigation; tax-exempt financing; public charities and private foundations; tax and business planning; deferred compensation, ERISA and employee benefits.

**ESTATE  
PLANNING** Tax and estate planning; will preparation; estate administration, including probate, estate and inheritance tax returns, sale of estate assets and contested proceedings; lifetime planning, including creation of trust, life insurance arrangements, charitable giving, change of domicile and prenuptial agreements; planning for incapacity; representation of individuals and corporate executors, trustees, and beneficiaries in fiduciary-related litigation; creation of charitable organizations.

**HOUSING AND  
URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT** General representation of the local Housing Authority and Development Authorities, including land acquisitions and condemnation proceedings in furtherance of their respective involvements in housing and redevelopment programs, and participation as issuer counsel in bond issues.

**LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT** Advice concerning general employment matters, union avoidance, and policy design and review; employer representation in employment litigation involving contracts, termination, discrimination and retaliation, wrongful discharge, noncompetition, trade secret and other employment cases; representation before the EEOC, NLRB, OSHRC and other federal and state agencies and courts; employment contracts and executive compensation.

**LITIGATION** Arbitration and mediation; banking; construction and engineering; contract; fraud; creditors' rights; insolvency and bankruptcy; insurance; property; labor and employment/ERISA; lender liability; intellectual property; health care; product liability; professional liability; trusts and estates.

**REAL ESTATE**

Acquisition and disposition of multifamily, commercial, hotel/motel, assisted and independent living, industrial, and residential real property; lending, financing and financial restructuring; leasing; development; tax and public incentive programs; SBA lending; zoning and rezoning applications; bond financing (taxable and tax free); commercial backed mortgage financing, letter of credit financing.

### **W. G. SCRANTOM, JR.**

Born Rochester, New York, June 2, 1932. Admitted to practice 1954, Georgia. Education: Stetson University (B.A., 1953); University of Georgia (LL.B., 1955). Member: Columbus and American Bar Associations; State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Defense Lawyers Association; American Inns of Court; International Association of Insurance Counsel; Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Foundation.

Practice involves corporate and contract matters and general civil litigation in areas including commercial negligence, product liability, tortious interference with business, trademark and copyright infringement, breach of contract, and medical malpractice.

### **J. EDWARD SPROUSE**

Born Clarksville, Tennessee, July 11, 1943. Admitted to practice 1971, Georgia. Education: Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S., 1965); University of Georgia (J.D., cum laude, 1971). Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Delta Phi. Executive Editor, *Georgia Law Review*, 1970-71. Author: "Consent Decrees and Treble Damages: More Effective Anti-Trust Enforcement," 4 *Georgia Law Review* 592, 1970. Co-author: "Siegel v. Chicken Delight: Clarification of the Legality of Franchise Tying Arrangements," 5 *Georgia Law Review* 151, 1970. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus and American Bar Associations; National Association of Bond Lawyers; ABA Forum on Franchising.

Practice involves corporate and business representation, general corporate law, franchise law, taxation and acquisition and disposition of businesses, revenue and bond financing, and estate planning and administration.

### **WILLIAM L. TUCKER**

Born Columbus, Georgia, March 22, 1946. Admitted to practice 1974, Georgia. Education: Emory University (B.A., 1968), University of Georgia (J.D., 1973). Member, Editorial Board, *Georgia Law Review*, 1971-1973. Member and Past Chairman, Tripartite Governing Committee for Indigent Defense. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus (Past President) Bar Association; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Georgia Trial Lawyers Association.

Practice devoted substantially to all areas of commercial and business litigation, including employment law.

### **CHARLES H. FORD, JR.**

Born Edison, Georgia, June 20, 1944. Admitted to practice 1975, Georgia and Alabama. Education: Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S., 1968; M.S., 1969), University of Georgia (J.D., magna cum laude, 1975). Tau Beta Pi; Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Eta Sigma. Member, *Georgia Law Review*, 1973-1974. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association. [1st Lt., Infantry, U.S. Army, 1969-1971].

Practice involves corporate and business representation entailing general corporate matters, taxation and acquisitions and dispositions of businesses, and estate planning and administration.

### **E. LOWRY REID, JR.**

Born Charlotte, North Carolina, May 4, 1940. Admitted to practice 1965, Georgia. Education: Davidson College (A.B., 1962); Duke University (LL.B., 1965). Phi Delta Phi. Member, *Duke Law Journal*, 1963-65. Member: State Bar of Georgia (Chairman, Fiduciary Law Section); Columbus (Past President) and American Bar Associations. Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. (Captain, U.S. Army, 1965-67).

Practice is mainly in the fields of wills, trusts, estate planning, probate and estate administration; also, various aspects of commercial real estate, to include leases, title examinations, and the closing of real estate sales and purchases.

### **MARCUS B. CALHOUN, JR.**

Born Atlanta, Georgia, April 8, 1942. Admitted to practice 1972, Georgia. Education: United States Naval Academy (B.S. 1964); University of Georgia (J.D., magna cum laude, 1972). Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Phi. Notes Editor, *Georgia Law Review*, 1971-1972. Author: "*Jus Accrescendi* and Joint Bank Accounts: A Look at the Georgia Story," 7 *Georgia State Bar Journal* 370 (1971). Member: Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia. (LCDR, U.S. Navy 1964-1969).

Practice consists of general corporate matters, employment law, contract matters, commercial law and related business litigation.

### **CECIL M. CHEVES**

Born Miami, Florida, August 5, 1949. Admitted to practice 1974, Georgia; 1975, Alabama. Education: University of Georgia (B.B.A., 1971); Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., 1974); Emory University (LL.M., Taxation, 1987). Member: State Bar of Georgia (Chairman: Tax Section, 1990); Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association (President 1994.)

Practice consists of tax and business planning, transactions and disputes as well as individual and business litigation.

### **J. RONALD MULLINS, JR.**

Born LaGrange, Georgia, March 5, 1951. Admitted to practice 1976, Georgia. Education: University of Georgia (B.A., magna cum laude, 1973; J.D., 1976). Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi. Member: Order of the Barristers; National Moot Court Team; International Moot Court Team; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Defense Lawyers Association; Defense Research Institute.

Practice consists of insurance defense, personal injury, litigation, local government law, and probate.

## **RUSSELL E. HINDS**

Born Indianapolis, Indiana, July 25, 1956. Admitted to practice 1981, Alabama; 1983, Georgia. Education: University of Alabama (B.S., Accounting, 1978); Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., 1981); University of Florida (LL.M. in Taxation, 1982). Delta Theta Phi. Associate Justice, Cumberland Moot Court Board, 1980-1981. Associate Editor, *Cumberland Law Review*, 1979-81. Author: "Gender-Based Discrimination in the Alabama Probate Laws," Cum. L. Rev. 671 (1980-81). Co-author: "Can You Protect Retirement Benefits from Creditors' Claims?" 2 *The Practical Tax Lawyer* 31 (Spring 1988). Member: Alabama State Bar; State Bar of Georgia (Chairperson, Taxation Section, 1992-93); Columbus and American Bar Associations.

Practice consists of general business and taxation with an emphasis in acquisitions and transactional matters, business and corporate planning, estate planning and employee benefits.

## **DAVID A. SIEGEL**

Born Norwalk, Ohio, November 6, 1960. Admitted to practice 1986, Georgia. Education: Wake Forest University (B.A., 1983), Mercer University (J.D., 1986); Phi Delta Phi; Beta Beta Beta. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus Bar Association.

Practice primarily consists of civil practice, insurance defense, and personal injury law.

## **ALLAN E. KAMENSKY**

Born Columbus, Georgia, September 12, 1961. Admitted to practice 1986, Georgia. Education: Tulane University (B.A. 1983); University of Georgia, (J.D. 1986). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus and American Bar Associations; Executive Committee Real Estate Section, State Bar of Georgia, 1995-1997.

Practice primarily in areas of lending law, real estate, commercial transactions, and zoning.

## **DAVID A. BUEHLER**

Born Bloomington, Indiana, December 15, 1963. Admitted to practice 1990, Georgia. Education: Georgia State University (B.A. 1987), Mercer University (J.D., 1990). Member: Columbus and American (Member, Sections on: Estate Planning, Probate, Corporate, Business and Taxation Law) Bar Associations; State Bar of Georgia.

Practice consists of estate planning law, including wills, probate law and taxation of gifts, trusts and estates, employee benefits and general corporate and securities law.

### **VIRGIL TED THEUS**

Born Augusta, Georgia, February 25, 1965. Admitted to practice 1990, Georgia. Education: Columbus State University, Southern College (B.A. cum laude, 1987), University of Georgia (J.D. 1990). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus Bar Association.

Practice consists of insurance defense, commercial litigation, personal injury, general litigation, and probate.

### **JAMES C. CLARK, JR.**

Born Columbus, Georgia, March 26, 1965. Admitted to practice 1991, Georgia. Education: Georgia Institute of Technology, (Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering., 1987); Mercer University, (J.D., cum laude, 1991). Member, *Mercer Law Review*. Member: Columbus and American Bar Associations; State Bar of Georgia. Executive Council, Younger Lawyers Division of State Bar of Georgia; Barrister, American Inns of Court; Georgia Defense Lawyers Association; Defense Research Institute.

Practice consists of general civil litigation in areas including product liability, commercial, insurance defense, employment, landlord/tenant, and personal injury.

### **ANGELA M. HICKS**

Born Columbus, Georgia, December 21, 1967. Admitted to practice 1993, Georgia; 1994, Alabama. Education: Columbus State University (B.S. summa cum laude, 1989), Mercer University (J.D. magna cum laude, 1993). Phi Kappa Phi, Brainerd Currie Honor Society; *Mercer Law Review*, 1991-1993; Eleventh Circuit Survey Editor, 1992-1993; Moot Court - Intrastate Team, 1992. Member: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar.

Practice involves real estate and commercial transactions.

### **JERALD L. WATTS, II**

Born Gainesville, Georgia, December 18, 1968. Admitted to practice 1996, Georgia. Education: University of Virginia (B.A., 1991); University of Georgia (J.D., cum laude, M.B.A., 1996). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus Bar Association.

Practice involves: corporate and business representation including general corporate matters, taxation and acquisitions and dispositions of businesses; commercial lending; Franchise law; and Trademark law.

### **ROBERT M. McKENNA**

Born Ft. Hood, Texas, October 30, 1964. Admitted to practice 1996, Georgia. Education: Columbus State University (B.B.A., Finance, 1989), Georgia State University (J.D., 1996). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus Bar Association. Served as financial analyst at Hughes Georgia, Inc. 1989-90, and at LMAS 1990-96.

Practice areas consist of commercial lending, real estate, estate planning, and general corporate law.

### **KENNETH E. EVANS, JR.**

Born Columbus, Georgia, November 12, 1971. Admitted to practice 1996, Georgia and Alabama. Education: Columbus State University (B.B.A., magna cum laude, 1993), Mercer University (J.D., cum laude, 1996). Phi Kappa Phi; Brainerd Currie Honor Society; *Mercer Law Review*. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar.

Practice areas consist of commercial and residential real estate, probate law, and general corporate law.

### **THOMAS F. GRISTINA**

Born New York, New York, January 17, 1970. Admitted to practice 1995, Virginia; 1996, District of Columbia. Education: Duke University (B.A., 1992), College of William & Mary (J.D., 1995). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Virginia State Bar; The District of Columbia Bar.

Practice areas consist of complex litigation, telecommunications litigation, medical malpractice defense, and personal injury litigation.

### **ROBERT C. BRAND, JR.**

Born Marietta, Georgia, February 7, 1972. Admitted to practice 1997. Education: Mercer University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1994; J.D., 1997). Member: *Mercer Law Review*, 1996-1997, Mercer Moot Court Board, 1996-1997, National Member - Order of the Barristers. Author, "United States v. Armstrong: Permissible Prosecutorial Discretion?" 48 *Mercer Law Review* 1309 (1997).

Practice areas include commercial litigation and general civil litigation.

### **MATTHEW J. LANDREAU**

Born Atlanta, Georgia, February 8, 1971. Admitted to practice 2000, Louisiana; 2004, Alabama; 2008, Georgia. Education: Auburn University (B.A., 1993); Loyola University New Orleans School of Law (J.D., 2000). Member: International Environmental Law Moot Court team, Moot Court Board, Alabama State Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, Federal Bar Association.

Practice areas include business and commercial litigation, class action defense, products liability, and UCC Art. 2.

### **JOSEPH A. SILLITTO**

Born Buffalo, New York, November 21, 1975. Admitted to practice 2001, Georgia. Education: Vanderbilt University (B.A., cum laude 1998); Georgia State University (J.D., cum laude 2001). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Columbus Bar Association.

Practice areas include wills, trusts, probate and estate administration.

### **KIRSTEN C. STEVENSON**

Born Redlands, California, May 17, 1976. Admitted to practice 2003 California; 2006, Texas; 2008, Georgia. Education: University of California at Irvine (B.A. French and Comparative Literature, 1998); University of Southern California, The Law School (J.D., 2002). Member: State Bar of California, State Bar of Texas, State Bar of Georgia.

Practice areas include employment and general civil litigation.

### **LINDA D. NGUYEN**

Born Decatur, Georgia, September 5, 1976. Admitted to practice 2003, Georgia; 2005, Alabama. Education: University of Georgia (B.A., 1999); Mercer University School of Law, (J.D., 2003). Member: Alabama State Bar; State Bar of Georgia and American Bar Association.

Practice areas include banking and lending law, commercial and residential real estate, and zoning.

### **TRAVIS C. HARGROVE**

Born Charleston, South Carolina, December 15, 1978. Admitted to practice 2004, Georgia; 2006, Alabama. Education: Auburn University (B.A., magna cum laude, 2001); Mercer University (J.D., magna cum laude, 2004). Moot Court Board, 2003-2004; Brainerd Currie Honor Society; Mercer Law Review, 2002-2004. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association.

Practice includes general corporate law and governmental liability litigation

### **CHANDLER W. RILEY**

Born Newport News, Virginia, October 27, 1978. Admitted to practice 2005, Georgia; 2006, Alabama. Education: University of Georgia (B.S., cum laude with honors, 2001); Emory University School of Law (J.D., 2005). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association; Columbus Younger Lawyers Club.

Practice areas include civil litigation, copyrights, and trademarks.

### **APRIL H. HOCUTT**

Born Columbus, Georgia, March 21, 1980. Admitted to practice 2006, Georgia; 2007, Alabama. Education: Auburn University (B.S., magna cum laude, 2001); University of Alabama School of Law (J.D., 2006). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers.

Practice areas include real estate, general corporate, construction law.

### **ADAM R. PEASE**

Born Columbus, Georgia, October 6, 1980. Admitted to practice 2006, Georgia; 2007, Alabama. Education: Birmingham Southern College (B.S., 2003); Cumberland School of Law at Samford University (J.D., 2006). Member: State Bar of Georgia; Alabama State Bar; Columbus Bar Association; Columbus Young Lawyers Club.

Practice areas include general corporate, business law, taxation law.

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Born Columbus, Georgia, October 22, 1981. Admitted to practice 2007, Georgia; 2008, Alabama. Education: University of Georgia (B.A., magna cum laude, 2004); University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., 2007). Student Bar Association, 2004-2007; Women Law Student Association, 2004-2007; Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, 2005-2007. Member: State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.

Practice areas include general litigation.

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